

All Saints' Day

Faith Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 1, 2026

Matthew 5:7 – ***"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."*** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.



WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible based church family.

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OPENING HYMN
"By All Your Saints in Warfare" **LSB #517**

INVOCATION
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and**

by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
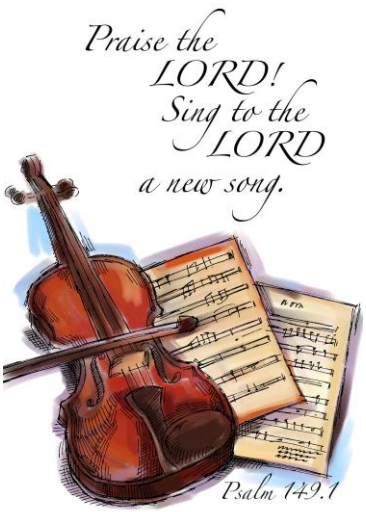
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 149

P [1]Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!



C **[2]Let Israel be glad in his Maker;**
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

P [3]Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

C **[4]For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;**
he adorns the humble with salvation.

P [5]Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

C **[6]Let the high praises of God be in their throats**
and two-edged swords in their hands,
[7]to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

P [8]to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
[9]to execute on them the judgment written!

C **This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!**

KYRIE *LSB 152*

THIS IS THE FEAST *LSB 155*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

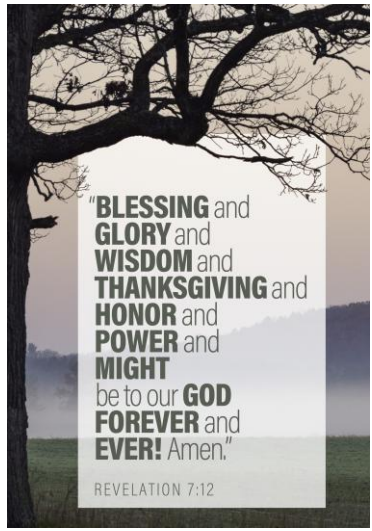
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:9–17*

[9]After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and

before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”



[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” [14]I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
[16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–3*

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.



P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 156*

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they shall be called sons of God.
10"Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11"Blessed are you when others
revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my
account.

12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN *"For All the Saints"* LSB #677*sts. 1–5*

SERMON

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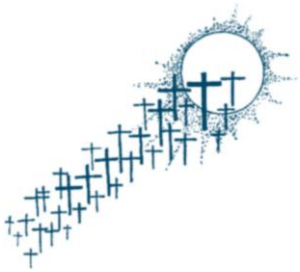
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit , born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

All Saints' Day

We remember, the faithful departed of our congregations, whose steadfast confession of faith we heard, who joined us in worshiping our Lord with their voice, who communed with us at the Lord's Table and said AMEN!



This year we remember:

Lorraine Wiederhoeft
85 years
Marjorie Radenz
89 years

We remember and are reminded again that we, too, are God's saints, redeemed by the blood of Christ and called to serve the purposes of His kingdom.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" **LSB #781***sts. 1–2*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

CLOSING HYMN *"For All the Saints"* LSB #677 *sts. 6–8*

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Sunday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 21:1-22
Monday: Jeremiah 1:1-19; Matthew 21:23-46
Tuesday: Jeremiah 3:6 – 4:2; Matthew 22:1-22
Wednesday: Jeremiah 5:1-19; Matthew 22:23-46
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12
Friday: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:12; Matthew 23:13-39
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:1-23; Jeremiah 12:1 – 19:15; Matthew 24:1-28

CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Sunday, November 1
8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith
11:00 a.m. Pancake Dinner and Bake Sale

Monday, November 2
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith
1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, November 4
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, November 5
10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's
6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's
Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith
11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
12:15 p.m. Inspired Singles at Faith
Monday, November 9
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith
7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith
Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's
7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's
Wednesday, November 11
10:00 a.m. AbleLight
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish Joe Calmes David Czech Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke Dorothy Duncan Alice Fromm Christopher Emmerich Wallace Emmerich Jim Goetsch Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann Angie Harkner Rev. Hans Heisinger Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe Jim Koebe Hugo Koppa Brian Luedtke Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath Karen Rajek Elvira Saeger Jo Schedler MiKenzie Schultz Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow



Tis the Season

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE



Order blanks will be in the back of the church. Deadline for orders is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 25. For more information, call Terry Seidler at 715-203-5736.

PINE CREST RESIDENTS



Pine Crest is asking for donation of Christmas presents and/or money which allows Pine Crest to give a gift to each resident. A list of suggested items will be in the back of the church, Items should be dropped off at Faith by Sunday, December 6.

ANGEL TREE



Christmas gifts for children. Tags will be available on the tree set up in the narthex at Faith. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20. For more information contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 1-715-613-0003 or e-mail at bkg9005@gmail.com

TREE OF GIVING



St. John's will have a Tree of Giving that includes items for families of Maple Grove School to help them during the winter months. Take one or more tags from the tree. Purchased bags should be to St. John's by November 15 and will be delivered to Maple Grove on November 16. Any questions, call Lori Baumann at 715-573-8923.



Needed for live nativity which will be on December 17 from 3 to 6 pm St. John's is looking for 2x or 3x large bathrobes. We need large robes to go over heavy winter clothes. Contact Kathy Sturm at 715-218-5293 if you have any questions or can help. *Soup, hot chocolate and cookies will be served inside during the live nativity.*



Fall has Arrived! Time to prepare for Hunting Season and the Thanksgiving Holiday! For all of your upcoming events and activities, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One can always use cards for everyday personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program … *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



INSPIRED SINGLES

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. at Faith. Please come and join and bring a 'single' friend. For more information, call Joy Marquardt at 715-536-5195



PLEASE HELP update all of the church's data and be sure to fill out the membership information form to keep everything current. Phone numbers and addresses have changed along the way and it is important that we are able to reach you by phone and/or via mail. One form for each person in your household please. Forms can be given to an usher or dropped in the church office of in the basket on the scrip table. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S HUNTERS' SERVICE

Wednesday, November 18
Meal 6:00 p.m.
Worship 6:30 p.m.





THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AT FAITH

Wednesday, November 25
6:30 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at

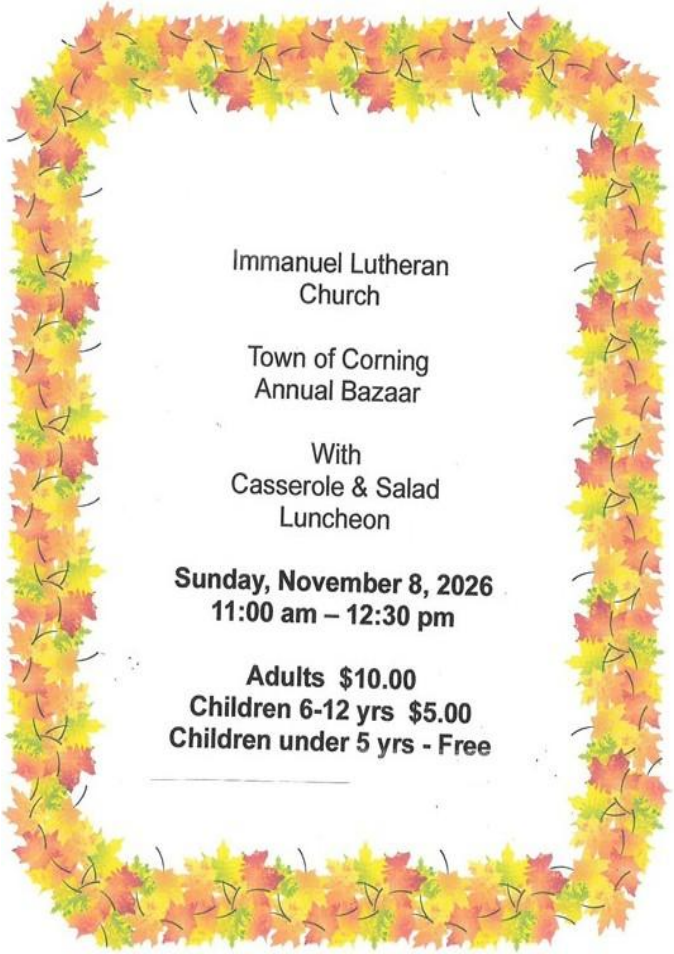
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
134058 County Road L, Athens, WI 54411
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www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

ATHENS CARING CIRCLE

704 Pine Street, Athens
715-997-3957

A non-profit caring community reaching out to local faith communities to help make an impact on those who need it most. Since established in 2026, the Caring Circle serves around 80 families each month with new attendees expected. They currently offer four scheduled regular monthly pantry sessions per month. In November, they are open Tuesdays, November 3 and 17 from 12 noon – 2 pm and on Thursdays, November 5 and 19 from 4 – 6 pm. Current pantry needs include peanut butter and jelly, canned chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups and stews, kid-friendly food such as applesauce, mac and cheese, granola bars, etc., toilet paper and toothpaste and toothbrushes. For more information, call the Athens Caring Circle.




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TEACHES THESE
COMMANDS
WILL BE CALLED
great in the
kingdom
of
heaven.